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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: 25X1C [REDACTED] Delivery of Cambodian  
Rice to the Vietnamese Communists

On 11 January 1968, the following group met in the office  
25X1A9a of [REDACTED] of CIA to discuss [REDACTED] 25X1C  
25X1C [REDACTED] the acquisition of  
Cambodian rice by the Vietnamese Communists, primarily those  
Communist forces located in the highlands: Mr. Marshall Wright  
of the National Security Council Asian Affairs Division; Mr. David Gurnea  
from Ambassador Leonhart's staff; Mr. [REDACTED], Deputy Director 25X1A9a  
of the Office of Economic Research of CIA; Mr. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a  
Cambodian analyst for OER; Mr. [REDACTED], Cambodia-Laos- 25X1A9a  
Thailand branch chief for the Office of Current Intelligence;  
25X1A9a Mr. [REDACTED] Cambodian desk chief for the Directorate of  
25X1A9a Plans; and Mr. [REDACTED] Cambodian analyst for the Office  
of National Estimates. As a result of this meeting the various  
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at the suggestion of Mr. Wright, summarizes the current views of  
CIA on this problem.

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SUMMARY

We estimate that the combined annual requirements of Communist Regular Forces and Administrative Support troops in South Vietnam and southern Laos for Cambodian rice, probably do not exceed 20,000 metric tons. This is approximately the amount covered by the agreement between the Cambodian government and the Communists for the official sale of Cambodian rice. (There are reliable reports that in 1965 an official Cambodian government agreement called for the sale of 20,000 and possibly as much of 30,000 tons of rice to the Communists. [REDACTED] reports indicate that official Cambodian rice sales of about 16 to 20,000 tons a year are continuing).

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We have little reliable information on how much smuggling takes place above and beyond the official sale and how it is allocated. We do not believe it involves great amounts because we see no great Communist requirement for additional rice beyond the amount covered by the official sale.

As long as the official agreement continues, and since it covers an amount roughly equivalent to Communist requirements,

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In an effort to fill in some of the gaps in the picture

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in the next few months to make a more comprehensive study of this problem. In the meantime, the attachment provides more detail on the conclusions in this summary, and discusses some

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**ATTACHMENT**  
**As Stated Above**

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